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Documents considered to be relevant:

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X, Y	X:1-9 Y:10-15	US 20010054979	(ALCATEL)-see abstract and figure 1
X, Y	X:1-9 Y:10-15	GB 2371924 A	(NOKIA)-see abstract figure 5 and page 6 lines 10-13
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